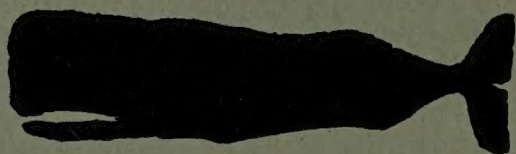


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Sunday Oct 25th - 1863

A good breeze from the south south east steering close to the wind all sail set but main spritsail one sail in sight which we supposed was the bark Brewster. about noon the Capt. called all hands aft and distributed some books and papers put aboard by the port society. and also forbid all work on Sundays except it is necessary and also forbid swearing on deck. at sunset trimmed sheets. so ends this day

Monday Oct 26th

Strong winds from the south east steering close to the wind. in the morning took in the top gallant sails the weather squally. the watch at work setting up the topmast back stays fore and aft and also top gallant back stays and breaking out beef pork and molasses at sunset took in the flying jib. blowing hard

4 Friday

Tuesday Oct 27th

This day commences with strong winds from the south east steering close to the wind under short sail. the watch at work making scrub brooms and making a boat sail for the row boat. and also putting chafing gear on the rigging. one sail in sight standing to the northward. at sunset trimmed sheets. so ends this day.

Wednesday Oct 28th

A good breeze from the south steering close to the wind bound south. in the morning shook the reefs out of the topsails and set the top gallant sails fore and aft. one sail in sight standing to the north east. the watch at work in the morning and all hands in the after noon breaking out the old rigging out of the fore hold and breaking out the sail pen and fixing the cutting gear and painting head and fluke chawes. and also making a boat sail and stowing away some straw at sunset cleared up decks. so ends this day

5 Saturday

Thursday Oct 29th

A good breeze from the south west steering south east under all sail but main royal. the watch at work stripping old rope and making mats. in the afternoon called all hands to break out standing sail boms and bend them on and get them ready to send up and also to put spinnners on the stays and doing other work in the rigging and on deck. so ends this day.

7 Monday

Friday Oct 30th

This day commences with light winds from the south-west steering close to the wind one sail in sight a bark steering south south east. the watch at work plane-ing studensail booms and painting them and also taking the cou-boat off of the tryworks and putting it on the cranes. and also stripping old rope to make spun yarn the fourth mate at work making his bed sail. at sunset set main royal winds very light. so ends this day

Saturday Oct 31st

This day commences with light winds from the northward steering south east by south two sails in sight standing to the south the watch at work making spun yarn and

8 Tuesday

planing booms. the cook at work getting fish and potatoes ready for dinner. in the afternoon sent up fore topsail stud-ing sail boom and main top gallant sail boom. and also painted the booms. in the evening took in main royal and edewed up the top gallant sails weather squally. so ends this day.

Sunday Nov 1st

this day commences with a good breeze from the eastward steering close to the wind. all hands idle. duff for dinner. in the morning took in the fore and main top gallant sails. seven sails in sight steering to the northward at sunset trimmed sheets. so ends this day

9 Wednesday

Monday Nov 2nd

This day commences with a good breeze from the eastward steering close to the wind found south. the watch at work strip-ping old rope and knotting to make spun yarn. and also making line. the butsteers at work in the rigging about twelve signalled an english merchantmen standing north in the afternoon saw a spruce which turned out to be a finnbark. about sunset hauled up the fore and mainsail and about 12 at night set them again. winds very light. so end this day



Tuesday Nov 3rd

This day commences with light winds from the south south west steering close to the wind. the watch at work making spungarn and serckmen. and also painting the keg house reebench and the line tubs and their covers. one sail in sight standing to the north in the afternoon saw a school of black fish right astern but did not lower. at sunset trimmed sheets. so ends this day.

Wednesday Nov 4th

This day commences from the south to the wind
tar sails
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11 Friday

with the winds steering close bound south in sight stand the northward afternoon

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at work breaking out water and setting up the weather main top galland stay and also the shrouds and also making wapes for the boats. about five o'clock cleared up decks so ends this day

Thursday Nov 5th

This day commences with strong winds from the south steering close to the wind the watch at work making scrub brown teeth and scraping the tools. in the morning took in the main and mizen top galland sails. and in the afternoon set them. the officers and boatsteerers making spade poles and pikes and gafts. at five o'clock cleared up decks

12 Saturday

and trimmed sheets. so ends this day.

Friday Nov 6th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering close to the wind bound south under all sail but main royal. the watch at work making a sword mat and notting ropeyarns. the boatsteerers at work in the rigging and also painting and making scrub brown teeth at five o'clock cleared up decks. about twelve took ship and stood to the southward. about sunset saw a school of porpois but did not fasten so ends this day.

Heavy Trade Winds

JANUARY

14 Monday

Saturday Nov 7th

A good breeze from the east steering south by west bound for the horn under all sail but main royal. the watch at work making another suet mat and stripping old rope and netting yarns to make spun yarn. about noon hove the log and found her to be a going about ten knots through the water. two sails in sight. about eight in the evening took in fore and mixed topgallant sails so ends this day.

Sunday Nov 8th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering south by east bound for the line. all hands idle. one sail in sight a bark steering to the westward. in the afternoon took in the main topgallant sail blowing hard. in the evening took the cover of the wheel and oiled it. so ends this day.

15 Tuesday

Monday Nov 9th

This day commences with strong winds from the east north east steering south by east bound for the cape. all hands idle. in the morning saw large white waters to leeward we kept of but did not see them again. in the afternoon took in the main topgallant sail and the flying jib and spanker. blowing hard. the watch at work securing the boats and setting up the ice fore topmast backstay. sea running high and vessel very wet so ends this day.

16 Wednesday

Tuesday Nov 10th

This day commences with light winds from the north east steering south by west bound for the trusene ground to cruise the watch at work setting the fore topmast and main topgallant studding sails and drawing yarns to make spun yarn. in the afternoon broke out beef pork beans rice and dried apples. we then cleared up deck. and got supper of hard bread and salt junk. about sunset set main royal. so ends this day.

Cape de Verde islands

JANUARY

17 Thursday

Wednesday Nov 11th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering south east bound for the trustene ground

ground to cruise in the morning raised land two points off our lee bow. the watch at work getting up studding sail brims and making a sieved mat and netting rope yarns. in the afternoon saw a school of small sperm whales. we lowered the boats and pulled for them. and the second mates boatsteerer darted but missed. they then started to windward and we after them but we soon gave them up and returned to vessel and set sail and kept her course. so ends our first days whaling aboard the Hunter

18 Friday

Thursday Nov 12th

This day commences with light winds from the east north east steering south by east bound for the trustene ground. In the morning set the mainroyal. the watch at work netting yarns and plaining the cars and fixing the boats. one sail in sight a ship steering south west. so ends this day.

Friday Nov 13th

This day commences with light winds from the eastward steering south by east bound for trustenes. the watch at work netting yarns and making spun yarn and doing other duties of the day. so ends this day

19 Saturday

Saturday Nov 14th

This day commences with a calm or very light winds from the eastward steering to the southward. the watch at work setting up the rigging fore and aft. in the morning saw a school of black fish lowered the boats and the largest boat got one that would make about half barrel. the watch at work getting him in and leaning. in the afternoon saw another school. lowered two boats but did not fasten. two sails in sight. at sunset saw another school but did not lower so ends this day.

JANUARY

21 Monday

Sunday Nov 15th

This day commences with light winds
 baffling steering to the southward
 round for hands idle
 and others the morn
 a French standing to
 in the after all sail while
 passed over and then set it again the weather
 or rainy with light winds. About sunset
 broke out some water the but being out we
 cleared out the but and then knocked off so
 ends this day with butter for supper



22 Tuesday

Monday Nov 16th

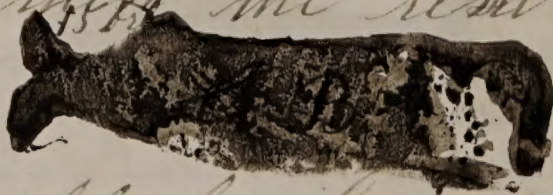
This day commences with light baffling winds
 steering to the southward round for Tristana
 the watch at work breaking out water and
 filling the tank and also breaking out
 between decks to see what we had and
 also getting the deck put on deck and lay-
 ing it in its place. The captain at work
 plaining down the fore royal yard it
 being too large at sunset cleared up decks
 and got supper so ends this day

Tuesday Nov 17th

this day commences with light baffling winds
 from the southward steering by the wind. the
 watch at work looking over the spars lashed

23 Wednesday

to the rail and washing them. in the morn-
 ing saw a school of porpoises and the second
 mate struck two and about ten
 o'clock saw a school of sperm whales
 lowered the boats and the mate struck a
 small one and then the rest put to wind-
 ward and the other boats after
 them but soon gave it up as
 a bad job. we got the whale
 along side and fluke chain on about two
 o'clock and then got our dinners. after dinner
 got up cutting gear and cut him in and
 then cleared away and got supper. at night
 the watch at work running and cutting it
 into horse pieces. so ends this day. in sail
 in sight a brig standing to the southward



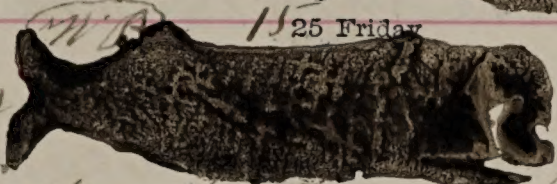
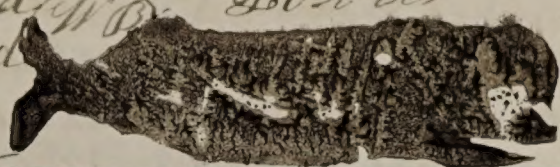
JANUARY
24 Thursday

Wednesday 18th

This day commences with light winds from the south. the ship lagging to the water at work clearing away the heads and leaning far lean. about one o'clock light the fires and went to trying out. the watch at work minding and washing the decks aft at sunset set the watches the landward first watch on deck so ends this day.

Thursday 19th

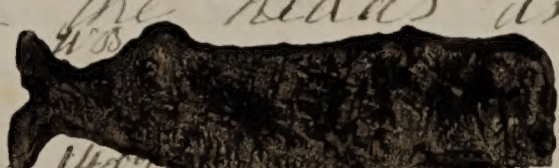
This day commences with light baffling winds with some rain. about six in the morning raised whales and lowered the boats ^{20 bbls} and ^{20 bbls} we took three along and got them side about nine and went



to cutting in about five in the afternoon at sunset set the watches the watch on deck at work leaning and cutting horse pieces and putting them into the boiler room. the try works going all the time. so ends this greasy day.

Friday 20th

This day commences with light baffling wind with some rain and squalls. all hands at work clearing away the heads and cutting them into horse pieces and also minding and trying out we got through cutting the heads and then washed off about four o'clock raised whales of the ^{20 bbls} ^{14 bbls} we lowered the boats about a mile off ^{4 bbls} we lowered the boats



Saturday

and the mate and second mate fastened and the third mate fastened to the second mate's whale thinking it was a loose one and the fourth mate fastened but drew. we got the whales along side and fluke chains on at six o'clock. we then double reefed the fore topsail and hauled aback and had no wheels the weather squally and rainy. and we was obliged to evl down the pots three times during the night. so ends this day and a greasy day it has been.

On The Cornett Ground To Day

JANUARY

23 Monday

Saturday Nov 21st of November

This day commences with a calm all hands at work rigging up cutting falls and cutting in the whales and also keeping the works going and mincing. about ten o'clock broke the mincing machine but the captain soon fixed it and we went to work again. we got through at five o'clock cutting in and then broke out some bread and some oil casks. at sunset the weather set in squally and we took in the foresail and spanker and jib and also clewed down the main topsail and we was obliged to cover down several times during the night so ends this day.

Sunday Nov 22nd Duff Day

This day commences with light baffling winds laying to under short sail. the watch at

29 Tuesday

work in the morning mincing and trying out. in the afternoon cleared away the heads and cut them into horse pieces and then washed the decks and also broke out some shocks the cooper at work setting them up so ends this day.

Monday Nov 23rd

This day commences with light winds all hands at work cooping the casks washing tubs and junk casks and sending down the cutting gear and stowing it below and also mincing fat lean and try it out. we got through trying out about noon and then cleared the mincing machine. in the afternoon washed the decks and then set fore main and mizen top gallant sails and at sunset took them in again and also

30 Wednesday

took in fly jib and clewed up fore and mainsail and set quarter watches so ends this day

Tuesday Nov 24th

This day commences with a calm the watch at work breaking out water and filling the tank and also breaking out the sail pen and getting out the sails. in the afternoon unbent the foresail and main top sail and bent on some old ones and stowed the new ones in the sail pen. the watch at work also at skinning the fat lean oil out of the pots and clearing away the things at sunset took in sail.

Thursday Jan 21st

JANUARY
31 Thursday

Day of 1843

Wednesday Nov 20th

This day commences with light winds from the southward steering close to the wind. Round for trawlers. one sail in sight a fish standing at the southward the water at night scraping the topmast and royal masts and brushing the masts also cleaning the pots and rollers and rigging. after four o'clock we caught some skipjacks. so ends this day.

Thursday Nov 21st

This day commences with light winds from the southward with some rain squalls. the water at night scraping the topmast and royal masts and brushing the masts also cleaning the pots and rollers and rigging. after four o'clock we caught some skipjacks. so ends this day.

FEBRUARY
1 Friday

Friday Nov 22nd

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Saturday Nov 23rd

This day commences with light winds from the south south west steering close to the wind. Round for trawlers. the water at night scraping the topmast and royal masts and brushing the masts also cleaning the pots and rollers and rigging. after four o'clock we caught some skipjacks. so ends this day.

2 Saturday

work making a mat and nothing else. in the morning saw a large fish but did not lower. at sunset washed decks. so ends this day.

Sunday Nov 24th

This day commences with strong winds from the south south west steering close to the wind. the weather squally and rainy all day. at sunset took in the top and mizzen top gallant sails. so ends this day with squalls of wind and rain.

Monday Dec 1st.

This day commences with a good breeze from the south south west steering by the wind. the water at work nothing yarns and making a mat. and also taking the kinks out of the ... a five o'clock cleaned up decks. so ends this day.

Tuesday Dec 2nd

This day commences with a good breeze from the south south west steering by the wind. found for trusties. he started at work making spungarn and a mat and also mizen top sails trunnies and also working in the rigging. at five o'clock cleaned up decks so ends this day.

Wednesday Dec 3rd

This day commences with light winds from the south south west steering close to the wind found for trusties. he started at work making spungarn. in the afternoon, saw a school of black fish but did not land the coals. and also saw a large ... did not know what it was. at sunset took in the top gallant sails fore and aft. the weather being with heavy squalls of wind so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 4th

This day commences with light winds from the south south east steering close to the wind found for the trusties. with all sail set but main royal. the water at work nothing yarns

and making spungarn and also fixing blocks and working ship. at five o'clock cleaned up decks. so ends this day.

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Friday Dec 5th. F. J. N. C.

This day commences with light winds from the south south east steering close to the wind found for trusties. the water at work fixing blocks nothing yarns and painting the fore royal yard. about two o'clock crossed the line. at five o'clock cleaned up decks. and then we had some fun, drenching and sharing the greenies with a piece of iron ... in honor of old Neptune. so ends this day.

South East

FEBRUARY

7 Thursday

Trade Wind

Saturday Dec 5th

This day commences with a good breeze from the south east steering close to the wind. I and four trustees the watch of were picking over potatoes and painting the pen and fixing the rigging at four o'clock passed by ducks. so ends this day.

Sunday Dec 6th

This day commences with light winds from the south south east steering close to the wind. the watch at work doing nothing but reading. at sunset took in main yard. the weather squally. so ends this day.

Monday Dec 7th

8 Friday

This day commences with strong winds from the south south east steering close to the wind. the watch at work reading out work and other things. at five o'clock cleared up deck and trimmed the sails so ends this day.

Tuesday Dec 8th

This day commences with a good breeze from the south east steering south west by west half west. the watch at work making splungorn and smoothing and painting the gun boat. so ends this day.

Wednesday Dec 9th

9 Saturday

This day commences with a good breeze from the south east steering south west by west half west. all hands at work working out between decks and clearing the oil and blowing it below. we got through at seven o'clock so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 10th

This day commences with a breeze from the southeast steering south west by south. the watch at work drenching the spars and cleaning them and lashing some of them to the pole and main mast. we then commenced laying of the sails and canvas and repairing the rigging. we got through at seven o'clock and then trimmed sails and got our supper. so ends this day.

Friday Dec 11th

This day commences with a good breeze from the south east steering south west by south bound for Luskien. the watch at work mauling the water ways and pump sails and also mauling down the fore and main gallant rigging in the morning sun spoked but did not know what they was. At sundown painted the new work and trimmed sails so ends this day.

Saturday Dec 12th

This day commences with light winds from the south east steering south west by south the watch at work, mauling new rope and sewing new punt lines and reef tacks to the main topsail and mainsail and also lifting the fore and main tacks and splicing the sails in sight so ends this day

12 Tuesday

Sunday Dec 13th

This day commences with a good breeze from the south east steering south west by south bound for Luskien. all hands idle in the morning set the foremast standing sail and main royal so ends this day

Monday Dec 14th

This day commences with light winds from the south east steering south west the watch at work setting up the main and mizen rigging and sewing the main top gall and tack stay so ends this day.

Tuesday Dec 15th

13 Wednesday

This day commences with light winds the watch at work setting up the fore rigging and fore stay about ten o'clock raised anchor and went to sea right ahead of the wind.



at about twelve o'clock lowered the boats and all the boats got fast and the third boat struck another one but we got the whales along side and then went on cutting in and out in that night and left the others for morning. we then went at work cutting up the heads and cutting some pieces and also clearing the try pots so ends this day.

FEBRUARY

14 Thursday

Wednesday Dec 16th

Sailing about with blind back to the wharf. all hands at work cutting horse pieces and mincing and trying out and also cutting in the other wharfs and got through at five o'clock and then cleared up decks and the anchor went at work cutting horse pieces. the crew at work setting up barrels. so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 17th

Winds from the east steering close to the wind under short sail. all hands at work clearing away the beams and cutting horse pieces and mincing and trying out. the crew setting up barrels. at sunset were ship and stood to southward. so ends this day.

15 Friday

Friday Dec 18th

This day commences with light winds. we were at work heading up masts and rigging them and mincing and trying out. we got through about four o'clock and then cleared up the things and pushed the lines and then we set the sails and decks. we then set sail and kept her off south by west with the wind right abeam. so ends this day.

Saturday Dec 19th

This day commences with light winds from the north west steering south south east. the watch at work driving small boats around decks and also pulling down the fore top gallant rigging at five o'clock washed decks at sunset were in the top gallant sails. so ends this day.

16 Saturday

Sunday Dec 20th

This day commences with strong winds from the west steering south by west. all hands at work. about sunset it commenced blowing hard and we took in the top gallant steeple and doubled reefed the top sails and stop in the main sail. of anchor and flying for we then hoisted the fore topsails and set them on the upper cranes. so ends this day with rain squalls and heavy weather.

Trustine Ground

FEBRUARY

18 Monday

Monday Dec 1st

This day commences with strong winds from the westward steering close to the wind under short sail. The watch at work fobbing around deck. at sunset it commenced blowing hard we then shortened sail and layed it in so inoe this day. in the morning broke out water and molasses

Tuesday Dec 2nd

This day it blows hard. The watch at work breaking out water and doing other small jobs. in the afternoon in the afternoon it commenced blowing hard and we took in all sail except reefed main and mizen topsail and fore top mast stay sail. we then sent down the main royal yard and cleared every thing for a gale. so ends this day with a gale of wind from the north west.

19 Tuesday

Wednesday Dec 23rd

This day commences with a gale from the north west laying to under short sail all hands idle. at sunset trimmed the sails and then set boats crew watches. so ends this day.

Thursday Dec 24th

This day commences with light winds from the north steering different courses cruising the watch at work fobbing down &c. in the afternoon saw black skin but did not lower his sunset took in sail and then set boats crew watches. so ends this day. at seven o'clock saw a large school of fin backs.

Christmas

20 Wednesday

Friday Dec 26th

This day commences with light winds. all hands at work steering down sail and breaking out water. we then went to work washing the ship fore and aft with lye and then water. then set boats crew watches. at twelve o'clock at night took in the top gallant sails and flying jib and ran up the fore and mainsail and then hoisted main yard aback and layed to. so ends this day.

FEBRUARY

21 Thursday

Saturday Dec 21st

This day commences with light winds from the north west steering close to the wind cruising. The watch at work hauling the spars and making out the fore hold the pond some sheet heads on. In the morning saw a car track skin off the ice beam. we kept off and squared the byards, but did not see it again and we soon kept up to the wind again. In the afternoon tacked ship and stood to the northward. at sunset trimmed sheets and took in all sail but close reefed top sails and fore topmast stay sail. so ends this day.

22 Friday

Sunday Dec 22nd

This day commences with strong winds. In the morning sheeted the top out of the top sails and set the fore and main sail and the jib. all hands idle most of them reading. at sunset set the main top gallant sail. so ends this day.

Monday 23rd

This day commences with light winds from the westward steering close to the wind cruising. The watch at work breaking out between decks and the lower hold after, thacks and also took on a new fore stay sail and a new fore top mast stay sail and also bread beef and pork. at sunset took in the fore and main sail. so ends this day.

23 Saturday

Tuesday 24th

This day commences with a good breeze from the north west steering close to the wind cruising. The watch at work breaking out the fore and main and hauling the spars and also making spinnakers. The weather being about sunset it commenced blowing and we took in the top gallant sails and flying jib and close reefed the top sails and took in the fore and main sail and jib and set fore and main courses. so ends the day.

FEBRUARY

25 Monday

Wednesday 25th

This day commences with light winds from the north west stirring south west by south cruising. The weather rainy. The watch at night making spinnaker and also standing the clipper. At sunset took in all sail but the fore top mast stay sail fore and main spinnakers and close reefed topsails so ends this day. The weather rainy

Thursday 26th

This day commences with light winds from the north west stirring close to the wind cruising. The watch at dusk making spinnaker and flying the stay sail sheet. At sunset took in sail. so ends this day.

26 Tuesday

Friday 27th of Jan^y

This day commences with strong winds from the north west stirring close to the wind cruising. The watch at night blacksmithing in the morning saw a lone right whale lowered the boats but did not fasten and we returned aboard and at twelve saw another one and we lowered the boats and the first mate struck him but the iron hammer was damaged and we lost him after breaking the cars in the boat and we returned aboard. but we saw another whale and we lowered again and commenced pulling after him and after pulling six miles to windward we gave him up and started to come aboard and when we got within an half of a mile of the vessel we saw another whale and we started after him

27. Wednesday

and after pulling about two hours the fourth mate struck him but the iron hammer and we lost him too and we then started aboard and got aboard at sunset and then took in the foresail mainsail and flying jib and layed to for the night. so ends this day. an ordinary day. it has been to us all and all hands are tired enough.

FEBRUARY
28 Thursday

Saturday Jan 31

This day commences with light winds. in the morning saw a school of finnbucks and soon after saw right whales off the lee beam we lowered the boats and the mate struck one and then the other and then the boats fastened to him. 1050 and we soon had him turned up and got along side at half past ten all hands at work getting the cutting gear ready to cut him in. in the afternoon it commenced blowing hard and stopped cutting and set the whale up ashore and then took in all sail but close reefed main top sail and fore topmast staysail. and then all went below all but one water

MARCH
1 Friday

Sunday Jan 3rd

This day commences with a gale. the watch at work getting up finnbucks head strap throat blye &c and at eleven commenced cutting in the weather good. we got through cutting at eight o'clock and then went to mincing and trying out. at nine o'clock the watch at work cleaning away the heads and cleaning up decks. so ends this day.

Monday Jan 4th

this day commences with light winds day too. the watch at work trying out and cutting horse pieces and mincing and also setting up ships. plenty of finnbucks in sight but do not lower at ends this day.

2 Saturday

Tuesday Jan 5th

This day commences with light winds and the boatward steering close to the wind cruising under short sail. the watch at work mincing the blubber and trying out we got through at twelve that night and then put in the ice can so ends this day with an 115 barrels tryed out

MARCH

4 Monday

Wednesday Jan 6th

This day commences with light winds from the northward steering close to the wind. At daylight raised a light whale and the first second and fourth mates lowered and the second mate fastened to him first and then the mate and fourth mate and they soon had him turned up. We got him along side about nine and then went to cutting in at twelve got dinner and (13) (14) (15) then went to work again. We got through and all cleared up at nine and then went to trying out and mincing so ends this day.



5 Tuesday

Thursday Jan 7th

This day commences with light winds. All hands at work clearing away the haul and breaking out water and empty casks. The cooper at work setting up staves. In the afternoon the watch went below and bled a pitter while after supper we ran some oil in the tank to get casks to put oil in. and then the watch went below the water on deck at work mincing and trying out. so ends this day.

Friday Jan 8th

This day commences with strong winds. All hands at work filling the tank and emptying the casks and also trying out. In the afternoon it came on to blow and we were obliged to cut down. and clear up

6 Wednesday

decks for a gale. The watch at work sawing casks and putting cinders on deck. at sunset set boats crew watches.

Saturday Jan 9th

This day commences with light winds. The watch at work trying out in the afternoon saw pump racks at last not over. so ends this day.

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MARCH
7 Thursday

Sunday Jan 10th

This day commences with light winds from the northward steering close to the wind cruising. in the morning scraped the decks the whale all day with nothing else to do to day.

Monday Jan 11th

This day commences with light winds all hands at work stowing down the oil and scraping the decks and cleaning out and the pots and try-works and doing other things. plenty of finbacks in sight all around. so ends this day.

8 Friday

Tuesday Jan 12th

This day commences with strong winds from the north-west steering close to the wind cruising. all hands idle most of them washing their clothes. at sunset it commenced blowing hard and we took in sail. and during the night took in all sail but close reefed mainsail and fore top mast stay sail.

Wednesday Jan 13th

This day commences with a gale. sailing under short sail. all hands idle. one boat crew on deck. plenty of finbacks around but no whales so ends this day.

9 Saturday

Thursday Jan 14th

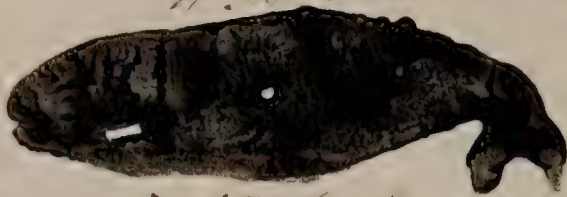
This day commences with strong winds from the northward steering close to the wind cruising. all hands at work scraping the decks. plenty of finbacks in sight. in the afternoon saw a small right whale. we fired three shots but did not follow at sunset took in all sail but fore top sails and fore top mast stay sail and fore and main spencers.

MARCH

11 Monday

Friday Jan 13th

This day commences with light winds from the northward steering by the wind cruising in the morning raised a whale lowered the boats and the third male fastened to him had him turned him along side then went to and got through then cleared up and then the watch went below the water on deck at work minding cutting horse pieces and trying out. So ends this day.



75 lbs

12 Tuesday

Saturday Jan 14th

This day commences with light winds from the west steering close to the wind cruising. the watches at work cutting and trying out in the afternoon saw a right whale lowered three boats and the second male struck him and the men drew and the whale put to leeward and we after him but soon gave it up and came aboard we then took in all sail but main and mizen topsails and fore and fore top most stay sails being hard. So ends this day.

13 Wednesday

Sunday Jan 15th

This day commences with strong winds from the east steering close to the wind cruising. the watches at work trying out and got through at twelve at night so ends this day.

Monday Jan 16th

This day commences with strong winds from the south west steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work scraping bone and stirring it away and also picking over potatoes. plenty of finnlacks aboard the vessel. so ends this day.

MARCH
14 Thursday

Tuesday Jan 19th

This day commences with strong winds from the south west steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work unbedding the main topsail and bedding on a bottom and also unbedding the fore topmast stay sail and fixed it and then sent it on again. plenty of finbacks in sight. we sent some but had a sight whale but did not lower. at sunset shortened sail so ends this day with strong winds.

Wednesday Jan 20th

This day commences with light winds from the south west steering close to the wind cruising. the watch at work fixing the fore topmast stay sail. plenty of finbacks in sight. so ends this day.

15 Friday

Thursday Jan 21st

This day commences with a good breeze from the westward steering close to the wind cruising. about six in the morning saw a whale. B.B. 100 lb lowered the boats and the mate struck then the other. and the store we aboard at went to work about eleven whales lowered the boats but did not fasten. about one saw some more but did not fasten. about three saw a whale. B.B. 100 lb lowered the boats and the mate struck him and we got him along side at sunset the other whale being all cut in which was away in the boats. we then took on sail and set boats crew watches. the watch on deck cutting horse pieces and sawing out the blubber room so ends this day.

16 Saturday

MARCH

18 Monday

Friday Jan 24th

This day commences with a good breeze. all hands at work cutting in the whale. in the afternoon they lost a spade overboard lowered the barbed boat and got it in getting along side stove the boat. we got along through cutting at dark and then went to trying out so ends this day.

Saturday Jan 25th

This day commences with strong winds. all hands at work breaking out and pumping out salt water out and filling the tank with fresh and blowing down oil and also mining and trying out. so ends this day.

19 Tuesday

Sunday Jan 24th

This day commences with strong winds all hands at work stowing down oil and setting up sacks and trying out so ends this day.

Monday Jan 25th

This day commences with strong winds from the north west steering close to the wind cruising. the water at work lashing casks and trying out in the evening we carried down the pots and gave up trying. the wind blowing hard and sea running high all still in but close reefed mains top sail and fore sail must stay sail so ends this day.

20 Wednesday

Tuesday Jan 24th

This day commences with a good breeze. all hands at work. in the afternoon started the fire and went to trying out the wind going down fast at sunset trimmed sails and the watch went to bed. so ends this day.

MARCH
21 Thursday

Wednesday Jan 27th

This day commences with light winds from the westward, all hands at work stowing down oil, and mincing and trying out, and get through trying about 12 tons in the afternoon. About 10 we saw a right whale off the lee side of the island, about 1/2 mile off. lowered waist and then the second mate hit him, and we turned about seven and 1/2 towing it we got him along none, and then put the gudge chain on and let in sail, and then all hands went below, the ship keepers standing the water on deck. so ends this day

C.B.



22 Friday

Thursday Jan 28th

This day commences with light winds and some rain. all hands at work cutting in and caulking the decks a little, we got through cutting at 12 o'clock, and then set seals and watches for the night, we then left the ship at 10:30, with the wind coming from the east with rain so ends this day.

Friday Jan 29th

This day commences with a good breeze from the westward steering the wind cruising, all hands at work mincing and trying out, and also breaking out the after hole to find out water casks out did not find any, we broke out 12 casks and took at the same time so ends this day

23 Saturday

Saturday Jan 30th

This day commences with a strong breeze from the south west steering close to the wind cruising, all hands at work putting a new coat on the two barrel cranes for the masts and putting the one on the house, and then the water was hauled so ends this day

MARCH

25 Monday

Sunday Jan 8th

This day commences with light winds. we got through cutting out at two o'clock in the morning. then cleared up the decks and sails in the afternoon saw a whale lowered the third mate and we got him at six o'clock the fluke chain all hands went down boat the surfboard boats each and they at work breaking in water. so ends this day.

26 Tuesday

Monday Dec 1st

This day commences with light winds. all hands at work breaking out water and stowing down oil. we got through at two o'clock and then went to cutting in the whale we cut in till twelve o'clock night and then waited till morning to cut in the rest. all hands returned ends this day.

Tuesday Feb 2nd

This day commences with cutting in the whale. And then trying out and stowing down. so ends this day.

27 Wednesday

Wednesday Feb 3rd

This day commences with a strong breeze from the south west. all hands at work stowing down oil and also cutting horse pieces. plenty of pinbacks in sight in the afternoon saw a whale lowered the boats and the second mate struck him and got stove and the third mate took his line and he went aboard. we got him along side and cut him in that night. so ends this day.

MARCH

28 Thursday

Thursday Feb 4th

This day commenced with a gale all round, idle plenty of fish back in sight so ends this day.

Friday Feb 5th

This day commenced with strong wind the watch at work cutting, mincing and trying out, about four or five barrels for the platter was given and none but try out, so ends this day.

Saturday Feb 6th

This day commenced with strong wind from the northward with rain steering close to the wind cutting, mincing and trying out.

29 Friday

getting around the deck plenty of fish back in sight so ends this day.

Sunday Feb 7th

This day commenced with a good breeze from the northward steering close to the wind cutting, mincing and trying out. In the evening saw a whale breasted but did not pass in the afternoon and the mate and we soon turned up and along side and him in so this day of our Lord the Sabbath.

30 Saturday

Monday Feb 8th

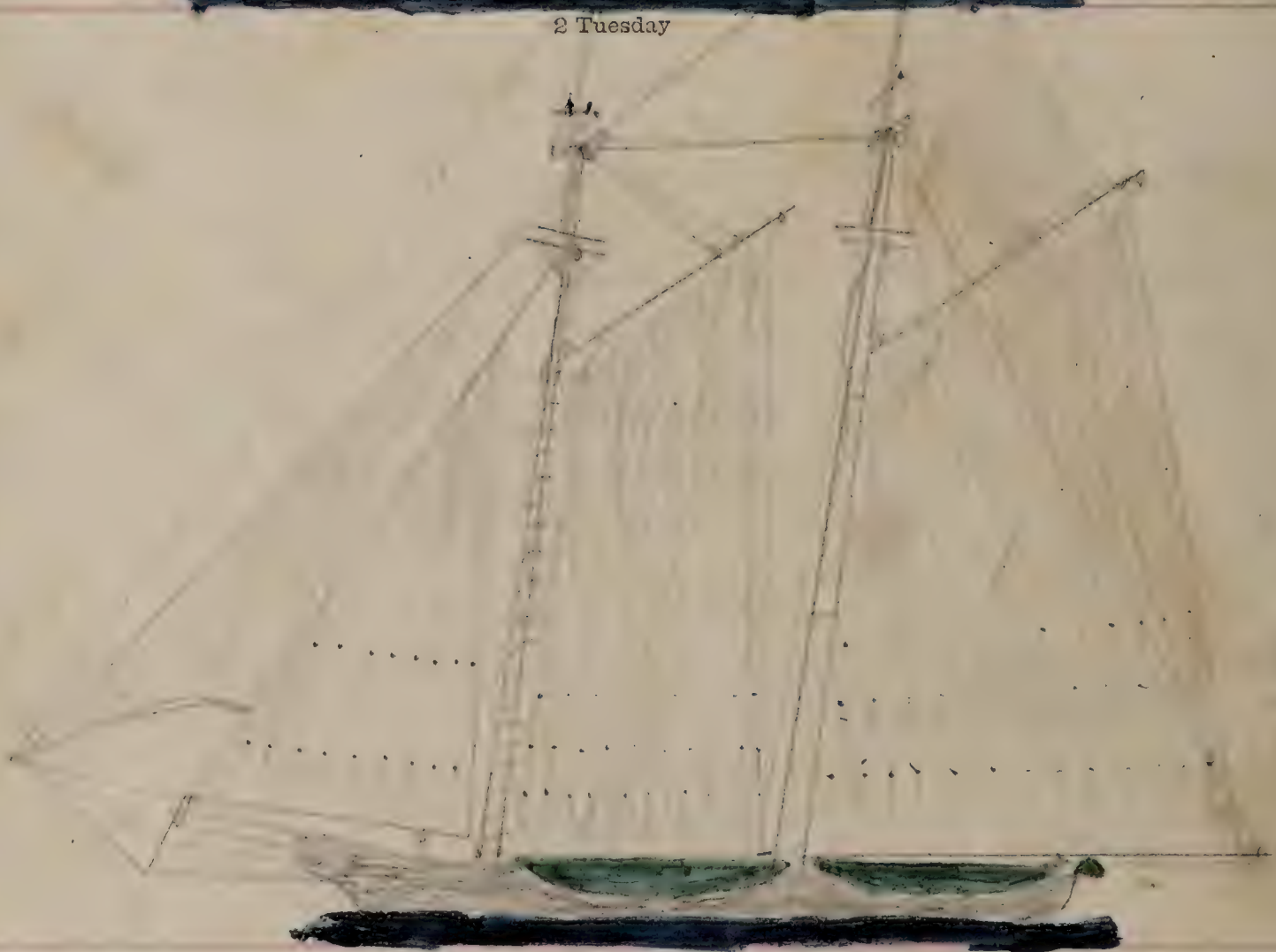
This day commenced with light wind the ship layed to. the watch at work cutting, mincing and trying out. about seven or eight barrels for the platter was given and we was obliged to cut down and clear up the decks and look in all suit but close reefed main top sail and fore top mast stay sail and main spencers. so ends this day.

APRIL

1 Monday



2 Tuesday



3 Wednesday

APRIL
4 Thursday



5 Friday

6 Saturday

APRIL

8 Monday

Monday. July 4th/64

This day commences with light winds from the westward steering east by north bound for cruising grounds. the watch at work stripping rope and knotting yarns. the carpenter putting in a skylight. the officers at work mending the fore top mast stay sail. at sunset set fore and main royal so ends this day with fine breezes.

Tuesday July 5th

This day commences with a calm. the watch at work sewing sail. and unbending the fore sail and main top sail and bustling on other ones, and also baling yarns. at five o'clock saw a diamond fish. at sunset a breeze sprang up from the southward steering east half north. so ends this day.

9 Tuesday

Wednesday July 6th

This day commences with light variable winds steering east by north. the watch at work making spungarn, and fixing the fore and main sheets, and also fixing the main yard. saw finback to day and also porpoises. so ends this day.

Thursday July 7th

This day commences with light winds from the southward steering east north bound for cruising grounds. land in sight. the watch at work painting the bidge anchors and making spungarn

COAST OF AFRICA

10 Wednesday

in the afternoon saw two small boats bound down the coast. so ends this day.

Friday July 8th

This day commences with a calm. the watch at work getting the starboard anchor over the bows and turning the chain beam. in the morning saw a school of black fish and lowered the boats. and a small third mate lost his one sail in sight in the afternoon a breeze came up. and we kept her east for land so ends this day.

COAST... OF AFRICA

APRIL

11 Thursday

Saturday July 9th

This day commenced with a calm. The watch at work making spinnaker and fixing the main sail. In the afternoon a breeze sprang up from the south and steering east about two miles land. About four o'clock a boat and shore a fishing boat at sunset set out on main log. At nine o'clock heeled back and looped to the wind and took in the royals and hauled up the foresail and main sail. and sounded and found 15 fathoms water. so ends this day with light winds from the southward

12 Friday

Sunday July 10th

This day commenced with light winds from the southward started close to the wind. in the morning the captain called all hands up and told us that we would be no more whaling on Sunday or no unnecessary work so ends the day.

Monday July 11th

This day commenced with light winds from the south west lead in for the land. with maintop gallard sail set about nine o'clock saw two humpbacks covered the boats and the main stern one. then killed the other one with a front lance. and the second mate struck him. and then the mate killed

13 Saturday

killed another loose one and the third mate struck him. the mate then cut his line and fastened to the third whale. we got them along side at two o'clock and put the luke chains on. and then got dinner. and then commenced cutting in. and knocked off at sunset and then set three watches. the ship lying at anchor. the watch on deck all work stopping out. so ends this day

APRIL

15 Monday

Tuesday July 13th

Lying at anchor about ten miles from the coast, all hands at work cutting in and trying out. in the morning I saw no whales but did not cover the boats. we got on with cutting in at five o'clock and then cleared up decks at sunset the watches went below the catch on deck at work mining and trying out. so ends this day.

Wednesday July 13th

This day commences with a calm lying at anchor in the morning sent the second and fourth mates to look after whales the men on board at work mining and trying out and putting oil in the tank.

16 Tuesday

about five the boats returned but saw no whales so ends this day

Thursday July 14th

This day commences with light winds lay at anchor in the morning sent the other two boats to look after whales about noon got up the anchor and set sail. in the afternoon we was boarded by the gunboat griffon of London to see if we were a secret. she sent a doctor to us to look at two sick men we had and give them more medicine and then she left us. at five the boats came aboard but saw no whales so ends this day.

17 Wednesday

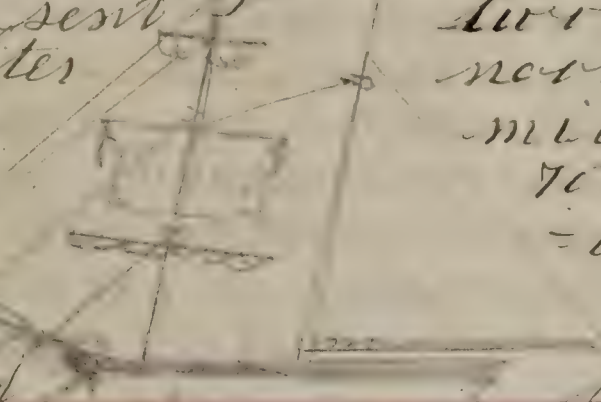
APRIL
18 Thursday

Friday July 13th

This day commences with a calm. The night at work washing their clothes. In the afternoon a breeze sprung up and we kept her to the northward. We then lowered the boats to cruise along the shore and they came aboard at sunset but saw nothing. So ends this day.

Saturday July 14th

This day commences with a light wind from the south east steering to the northward. In the morning sent two boats away to cruise. In the afternoon spoke and gained the brig. 9 months out at work break here. at sun anchor. in the afternoon sent a humpback and



19 Friday

not strike him so ends this day.

Sunday July 15th

This day commences with light winds from the northward. In the morning swept off decks. so ends this day.

Monday July 16th

This day commences with light winds in the morning sent two boats away at 9 o'clock. Have up the anchor and stood off and on. about 11 saw whales from the ship. lowered the other boats but did not fasten. at sunset the boats came aboard but got no whales. we then dropped anchor. so ends this day.

20 Saturday

Tuesday July 17th

This day commences with light winds. in the morning sent all the boats away and they chased whales all day but got nothing. at five they started to come aboard and saw whales again but did not fasten. so ends this day.

APRIL
22 Monday

Wednesday July 20th

This day commences with light winds in the morning sent all the boats down. but got nothing. so ends this day.

Thursday July 21st

This day commences with good weather in the morning sent all the boats away. about 10 o'clock the second mate struck a humpback as he was going and him turned up. then the ship got up the case for and took him along side and then we dropped the anchor again so ends this day.

23 Tuesday

Friday July 22nd

This day commences with pulling in the whale and we got him in at seven we then hove up the anchor and beat to the windward. and at five we dropped it again. the watch at work trying out. so ends this day

Saturday July 23rd

This day commences with trying out. in the morning sent two boats away. and at ten the fourth mate went down and struck a large whale and then the second mate followed and struck to. we then called the other two boats down and they struck the full and kill them the male then came aboard. and hove up

24 Wednesday

anchor and set all sail to beat to windward. we got them alongside at five o'clock and commenced to secure them and put the fluke chairs on. we got through at eight and then dropped the anchor and furled the topgallant sails. so ends this day

30 lbs

30 lbs

APRIL

25 Thursday

Sunday, July 24th

This day commences with fine weather. a large blower sailing along side of us, gunning all day. And our captain took dinner with the captain of the schooner. nothing to do to-day.

Monday, July 25th

This day commences with fine weather. at 4 o'clock called all hands and broke out water and flour. we then went to cutting in the whales. we got breakfast at seven and at twelve we had them all cut in. and then went to mincing and trying out. in the afternoon saw whales and lowered the waist and four boats but did not strike. and the returned at sundown ends this day.

26 Friday

Tuesday, July 26th

This day commences with foggy weather. all hands at work putting a spring on the cable. and mincing and trying out. about nine the fog cleared away and the starboard and four boats went to cruise. in the afternoon the waist boat started to cruise about four saw a whale and lowered the starboard boat but did not get at sundown the boats came aboard. but got no whales. but the caught nine fine fish, so ends this day.

Wednesday, July 27th

This day commences with good weather. in the morning sent two boats away. and about ten the other two boats were away in the afternoon the second whale fastened and hung to him till dark but did not get a chance to lance him so had to cut. and the boats came aboard. so ends this day.

27 Saturday

Thursday, July 28th

This day commences with good weather at sunrise all four boats went to cruise two to leeward and two to windward and the two windward boats saw whales but did not strike. and the boats came aboard but got no whales. so ends this day.

APRIL
29 Monday

Friday July 29th

This day commences with fine weather at sunset the three last boats went to cruise. the boats even aboard at work stowing down oil. the other boats chasing whales all day. at sunset they came aboard got nothing & so ends this day.

Saturday July 30th

This day commences with fine weather at sunrise 4 boats went to cruise and chased whales all day but got nothing at sunset they came aboard. the sails in sight - large gunboats cruising off the coast of the harbor. so ends this day.

30 Tuesday

Sunday July 31st

This day commences with good weather. all boats idle. so ends this day.

Monday Aug 1st

This day commences with good weather. at sunrise sent 4 boats away to cruise. and they chased whales all day but got none but we caught some small fish. so ends this day.

Tuesday Aug 2nd

This day commences with good weather. all our boats off cruising but got nothing but small fish so ends this day.

MAY
1 Wednesday

Wednesday Aug 3rd

This day commences with good weather. in the morning we re-up our anchor and started to beat to windward but did not gain any the boats chasing whales all day but got none.

Thursday Aug 4th

This day commences with good weather. the work the same.

MAY
2 Thursday

Friday Aug 6th

This day commences with a good breeze
in the morning steering north bound down the
coast. all hands idle.

Saturday Aug 7th

This day the same all hands chasing whales
but got nothing at sunset drift under

Sunday Aug 7th

Sailing off Capenda with good weather.
about five miles from shore. all hands
idle. about nine o'clock 1 corvus came
off loaded with fruit and we brought
it all in the afternoon they went back
to shore. so ends this day.

3 Friday

Monday Aug 8th

This day commenced with a good breeze
in the morning got up the anchor and
sent two boats down to cruise. the
men on board at work breaking out
water. the boats came aboard to day
with fruit. so ends this day.

Tuesday Aug 9th

This day commences with a good breeze
steering north for Black point. three
boats down cruising. at sunset they
came aboard with no whale. we then
the anchor. so ends this day.

4 Saturday

Wednesday Aug 10th

This day commences with good weather
at sunrise got up the anchor and stood
along. we sent three boats to cruise
they say whales but did not catch
at four let go the anchor. at sunset
the boats came aboard. 1 sail in sight
so ends this day.

MAY

6 Monday

7 Tuesday

8 Wednesday

MAY
9 Thursday

10 Friday

11 Saturday

13 Monday

13 Monday

Remarks

Courses	Dist	1	2	6	7
H. H. 1	.6	1.2			5.9
H. H.	.7	4.9			4.9
L. S. H.	28	5.9			11.7
H. B. S.	10		2.0		9.8

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14 Tuesday

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~~15~~ Wednesday

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MAY
16 Thursday

William Freeman		25.00
James Parrot	one pair mittens	1.00
Lofty		.90
William Stepping		.25
Ray Frank	one fork	.75
Lofty	one fork	.75
James Parrot	1 lb of tobacco	1.00
Lofty		1.00

17 Friday

18 Saturday

MAY

20 Monday

21 Tuesday

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22 Wednesday

A good

DECEMBER
19 Thursday

out fit

1 good long coat	12.00
1 good jacket	8.00
1 good oil suit	6.00
2 good pair of boots	12.00
4 pair of pumps thick and thin	2.00
4 thick wollen shirts	12.00
1 under shirts	2.00
1 pair of drawers all wool	2.00
1 pair of stockings	1.00
1 pair of mittens	1.50
1 comb	1.50
1 cotton shirt	12.00
3 hats	1.00
3 caps	3.00
4 pair woolen pants	20.00
4 pair cotton pants	12.00
4 pumps	8.00
1 box of soap	1.50
1 leather sheath knife and 100	4.00
20 Friday	
1 quadrant and board ditch navigator	0.00
1 almanac for the voyage	2.00
1 set of shoe clippers	1.00
1 set of percussion tools	1.00
1 pair of glasses	2.00
10 lbs anchor	2.00
ropes and matting	2.50
1 set sweeps, utensils &	1.00
1 marten spike	1.00
some powder and sulphur and 100 lb of	
life and other medicines	
1 discipline	221.00

21 Saturday

15th Hunter & New Bedford Capt Geo S. Tracy
Sailed Oct 20, 1863
Arrived Nov 25, 1863

DECEMBER

23 Monday

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24 Tuesday

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25 Wednesday

Second Season South
 Saturday Nov 27 = 1 whale
 Monday Nov 29 = " "
 Wednesday Dec 1 = " "
 Friday " 3 = " "
 Monday " 6 = " "

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Saturday Dec 17 1 whale
 Monday Dec 18 1 whale
 Thursday Dec 22 1 whale
 Monday Dec 26 1 whale
 Wednesday Dec 28 1 whale
 Thursday Dec 29 1 whale

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Tuesday the 3rd of Jan 2 whales

DECEMBER

30 Monday

Sperm In the atlantic
around St. Helena

1881
190

On trust lions

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50 "
805

31 Tuesday

My bill on board the Hunter

1 cressonter
1 fresh skin
1 fresh
15 lbs of tobacco
1 can
1 lb of tobacco

50
1.00
15.00
7.50
1.00
25.00

